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OF THE

ACT

(Made in *Anno vi°. & vii°. Gulielmi* III. *Regis*)

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Marriages, Births, Burials,

AND UPON

Batchelours and *Widowers,*

For the Term of Five Years.

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(*Made in* Anno Sexto & Septimo *Gulielmi* III. Regis)

For Granting to his Majeſty certain Duties upon Marriages, &c.

BURIALS.

FROM and after the Firſt Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. upon the Burial of all Perſons who ſhall be buried at any Place in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, for the term of Five Years, ſhall be raiſed theſe Duties following: (*Viz.*)

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the Burial of every Perſon ———	00	04	00

Upon the Burial of all Perſons of the Degrees and Qualifications hereafter-mentioned, over and above the ſaid Summ of Four Shillings; (*Viz.*)

The Nobility, as Dukes, Marquiſes, Earls, Viſcounts, Barons, and alſo Baronets, of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, as follow:

		l.	s.	d.
Upon the Burial of every	Duke or Dutcheſs of any the ſaid three Kingdoms	50	00	00
	Marquis, or Marchioneſs	40	00	00
	Earl, or Counteſs	30	00	00
	Viſcount, or Viſcounteſs	25	00	00
	Baron, or Baroneſs	20	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Duke, or his Wife	30	00	00
	Younger Son of a Duke, or his Wife	25	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Marquis, or his Wife	25	00	00
	Younger Son of a Marquis, or his Wife	20	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of an Earl, or his Wife	20	00	00
	Younger Son of an Earl, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount, or his Wife	17	10	00
	Younger Son of a Viſcount, or his Wife	13	06	08
	Eldeſt Son of a Baron, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Younger Son of a Baron, or his Wife	12	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Duke	25	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Marquis	20	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Earl	15	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Viſcount	13	06	08
	Unmarried Daughter of a Baron	12	00	00
	Widow of a Duke	50	00	00
	Widow of a Marquis	40	00	00
	Widow of a Earl	30	00	00
	Widow of a Viſcount	25	00	00
	Widow of a Baron	20	00	00
	Baronet of the ſaid three Kingdoms, or *Nova Scotia*, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Knight of the *Bath*, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Knight Batchelour, or his Wife	10	00	00
	King's Serjeant at Law	20	00	00
	—His Wife	10	00	00
	Other Serjeant at Law	15	00	00
	—His Wife	7	10	00

Eſquire,

	l.	s.	d.
Upon the Burial of every Esquire, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch, or his Wife	5	00	00
Gentleman, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch, or his Wife	1	00	00
Younger Children of Baronets, Knights of the *Bath*, Knights Batchelours, Serjeants at Law, Eſquire, or Gentleman, or owning or writing themſelves ſuch, or their Wives	1	00	00
Widow of a Baronet	15	00	00
Widow of a Knight of the *Bath*	15	00	00
Widow of a Knight Batchelour	10	00	00
Widow of a King's Serjeant at Law	10	00	00
Widow of a Other Serjeant at Law	7	10	00
Widow of a Eſquire, or reputed ſo, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch	5	00	00
Widow of a Gentleman, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch	1	00	00
Archbiſhop	50	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow	10	00	00
Biſhop	20	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow	5	00	00
Dean of a Cathedral, or Collegiate Church	10	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow	2	10	00
Archdeacon	2	10	00
—His Wife, or Widow	1	00	00
Canon or Prebendary of any Cathedral, or Collegiate Church	2	10	00
—His Wife, or Widow	1	00	00
Doctor of Divinity, Law, Phyſick	5	00	00
—His Wife or Widow	1	00	00

Son

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the Burial of every	Son or Daughter of an Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Archdeacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Phyſick	1	00	00
	Perſon of 50 *l. per Annum* value, or upwards, in real Eſtate; or of 600 *l.* value, or upwards, in perſonal Eſtate	1	00	00
	Wife, Widow, Child, or Children, of every ſuch Perſon, having ſuch real or perſonal Eſtate	00	10	00

Theſe fore-mention'd Duties ſhall be paid by the reſpective Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, of every ſuch Perſon ſo buried, before any Debts or Duties whatſoever: And in default of Payment to the Collectors on demand, the ſame to be levied by diſtreſs, on the Lands, Tenements, Goods, and Chattels of the deceaſed.

By whom to be paid.

If the Party buried be under the Age of Twenty one Years, the Duty ſhall be paid by the Father of ſuch Perſon (if living;) and if dead, by the Mother (if living,) or otherwiſe, by the Guardian, Truſtee, Executor, or Adminiſtrator of ſuch Perſon.

The Duties of Infants by whom to be paid.

The Husband ſhall pay for the Wife.

BIRTHS.

FROM and after the Firſt Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. for and during Five Years, every Perſon who ſhall be born in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, ſhall pay theſe Duties following: (*Viz.*)

Every

	l.	s.	d.
Every Perſon and Child (except the Child, or Children, of ſuch as receive Alms)——	00	02	00

And over and above the Summ of 2 *s.* for the Degrees, *&c.* hereafter mentioned, the reſpective Duties following: *(Viz.)*

Upon the Birth of every

	l.	s.	d.
Eldeſt Son of a Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death——·——	30	00	00
Every other Son, or Daughter, of ſuch Duke, or of his Wife by any other Husband ——————	25	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Marquis of any the ſaid three Kingdoms, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death———	25	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter ————————	20	00	00
Eldeſt Son of an Earl, or his Wife by any after-Husband ————————	20	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter—	15	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	17	10	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter————————	13	06	08
Eldeſt Son of a Baron, or his Wife, by any other Husband after his death——	15	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter————————	12	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Baronet ———— / Knight of the *Bath* / Knight Batchelour	5	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Serjeant at Law—— / Eſquire ———— / Gentleman ————	1	00	00

Younger

			l.	s.	d.
Upon the Birth of every	Younger Son, or Daughter, of—	Baronets———	1	00	00
		Knights of the *Bath*—			
		Knights Batchelours—			
		Serjeants at Law———			
		Eſquires, or ſo reputed—			
		Gentlemen, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing Themſelves ſuch———			
	Son, or Daughter of an—	Archbiſhop———	1	00	00
		Biſhop———			
		Dean———			
		Archdeacon———			
		Canon, Prebendary—			
		Doctor of Divinity—			
		Doctor of Law———			
		Doctor of Phyſick—			
	Son, or Daughter, of every Perſon having 50 *l. per Annum*, or upwards, in real eſtate, or perſonal Eſtate of 600 *l.* value, or upwards, and not hereby otherwiſe charged under any the Ranks, Orders, Qualifications, or Degrees, before-mention'd———		00	10	00

By whom to be paid.

Theſe Duties (for Births) ſhall be paid and anſwered by the Father (if living;) and if dead, then by the Mother; and if both dead, at the time of the Birth, then by their Guardians, and to be reimburſed again in the firſt place, out of the Rents or perſonal Eſtate of ſuch Child, or Children, to be levied as after directed.

MAR-

MARRIAGES.

AFter the Firſt Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. for and during Five Years, ſhall be raiſed the ſeveral Duties following, upon the Marriage of every Perſon at any place in *England*, *Wales*, and *Berwick*: (*Viz.*)

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the reſpective Marriage of every Perſon, (except ſuch as receive Alms)	00	02	06

And over and above the ſaid 2 *s.* 6 *d.* the reſpective Duties following:

[☞ Note, *The Nobility are* Engliſh, Scots, *or* Iriſh.]

Upon the Marriage of every

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*	50	00	00
Marquis	40	00	00
Earl	30	00	00
Viſcount	25	00	00
Baron	20	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Duke	30	00	00
Younger Son of a Duke	25	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Marquis	25	00	00
Younger Son of a Marquis	20	00	00
Eldeſt Son of an Earl	20	00	00
Younger Son of an Earl	15	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount	17	10	00
Younger Son of a Viſcount	13	06	08
Eldeſt Son of a Baron	15	00	00
Younger Son of a Baron	12	00	00
Baronet of any the ſaid Three Kingdoms, or *Nova Scotia*	15	00	00

Upon the Marriage of every

	l.	s.	d.
Knight of the *Bath*	15	00	00
Knight Batchelour	10	00	00
King's Serjeant at Law	20	00	00
Other Serjeant at Law	15	00	00
Eſquire, or reputed Eſquire, or owning or writing himſelf to be ſuch	5	00	00
Gentleman, or reputed Gentleman, or owning or writing himſelf as ſuch	1	00	00
Younger Son of a Baronet, Knight of the *Bath*, Knight Batchelour, Serjeant at Law, Eſquire, or Gentleman, or reputed Eſquire or Gentleman, or owning or writing himſelf to be ſuch	1	00	00
Archbiſhop	50	00	00
Biſhop	20	00	00
Dean of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church	10	00	00
Archdeacon	2	10	00
Canon, or Prebendary of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church	2	10	00
Doctor of Divinity, Law, Phyſick	5	00	00
Son of an Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Archdeacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Phyſick	1	00	00
Perſon of 50 *l. per Annum*, or upwards, in real Eſtate, or 600 *l.* Value or upwards perſonal Eſtate, and not otherwiſe hereby charged under the ſeveral Dignities, Rank, or Degrees	1	00	00
Son of ſuch Perſon	0	10	00

By whom to be paid. Theſe Marriage-Duties are to be paid by the Husband upon demand.

Batche-

Batchelours and *Widowers.*

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
Batchelours.	From and after the First Day of *May*, *A. D.* 1695. every Person inhabiting and residing in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, being a Batchelour above the Age of twenty five Years (except such as receive Alms) shall, during the term of Five Years, or so long time thereof as he shall continue a Batchelour, pay yearly	00	01	00
Widowers.	Every Widower so residing and inhabiting, having no Child, or Children (except such as receive Alms) shall, after the First of *May*, 1695. during Five Years, or so long time thereof as he shall continue a Widower, yearly pay	00	01	00

Over and above the said yearly Summ of 1 *s.* all Persons of the Degrees and Qualification hereafter named, inhabiting or residing in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, being Batchelour above the Age of Twenty Five Years, or Widowers without Child or Children, shall pay yearly, during the said term of Five Years, or for so long time thereof, as they shall continue unmarried, these following Duties: (*Viz.*)

[☞ Note, *The Degrees of Nobility include* English, Scots, *and* Irish.]

		l.	s.	d.
Every	Duke	12	10	00
	Marquis	10	00	00
	Earl	7	10	00
	Viſcount	6	5	00
	Baron	5	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Duke	7	10	00
	Younger Son of a Duke	6	5	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Marquis	6	5	00
	Younger Son of a Marquis	5	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of an Earl	5	00	00
	Younger Son of an Earl	3	15	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount	4	7	06
	Younger Son of a Viſcount	3	6	8
	Eldeſt Son of a Baron	3	15	00
	Younger Son of a Baron	3	00	00
	Baronet of any the ſaid three Kingdoms, or *Nova Scotia*	3	15	00
	Knight of the *Bath*	3	15	00
	Knight Batchelour	2	10	00
	King's Serjeant at Law	5	00	00
	Other Serjeant at Law	3	15	00
	Eſquire, or reputed Eſquire, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch	1	5	00
	Gentleman, or reputed Gentleman, or owning or writing himſelf to be ſuch	00	5	00
	Archbiſhop	12	10	00
	Biſhop	5	00	00
	Dean of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church	2	10	00
	Archdeacon	00	12	6
	Canon or Prebendary of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church	00	12	6
	Doctor of Divinity / Law / Phyſick	1	5	00

Son

		l.	s.	d.
Every	Son of an Arch-Biſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Arch-Deacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law or Phyſick.	00	05	00
	Other Perſon having a Real Eſtate, of the value of 50*l.* or upwards, or Perſonal Eſtate of 600*l.* or upwards, and not charged under the Orders, Degrees, and Qualifications of this Act.	00	05	00
	Son of ſuch Perſon	00	02	06

When to be paid

Theſe yearly Summs to be paid by equal half-yearly Payments, at *Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*.

None to be doubly Charged.

☞ Note, *No Perſon ſhall be doubly Charged, in reſpect of the ſeveral Titles, Honours or Degrees, but ſhall be Charged for ſuch Title, Honour, or Degree, only as is higheſt rated by this Act.*

Who are Commiſſioners for the firſt Year.

The Commiſſioners appointed in the Act of this Seſſions, of 4*s.* in the Pound for one Year, ſhall be Commiſſioners for the execution of this Act, for the firſt Year of the ſaid five Years.

Commiſſioners when firſt to meet.

The Commiſſioners, in their reſpective Counties, Cities, *&c.* ſhall meet at or before the 30*th.* of *April* 1695. and ſhall, at their firſt general Meeting direct their Precepts for Preſenters and Aſſeſſors, to appear before them at a Time and Place not exceeding ten days; and then ſhall read the Rates of this Act to them, and direct them how to make Aſſeſſments, and prefix another day to the ſaid Perſons to appear before them, and bring in Certificates in Writing, of the Names, Surnames,

Directions for Commiſſioners.

Aſſeſſors.

names, Eſtates, Degrees, Titles, and Qualifications of all and every the Perſon and Perſons dwelling within their Limits, dividing them in ſeveral Columns, as they are in Quality, Eſtate, or Qualification, and the Names of all others chargeable by this Act, and the Summs they ought reſpectively to pay, upon Burials, Births, or Marriages, and for their being Un-married, on pain of Forfeiture of any Summ not exceeding 5 *l.* and ſhall then return the Names of two ſufficient Collectors, within the bounds or limits where they are Aſſeſſors for the firſt Year; for whoſe not paying to the Receiver-General, the Pariſh or Place for which they are employed ſhall be anſwerable. *p.* 285, 286.

Collectors.

Every Aſſeſſor ſhall take the Oaths mentioned in an Act made in the firſt Year of *William* and *Mary*, Intitled, *An Act for the abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and appointing other Oaths.* And alſo, *an Oath well and truly to execute the duty of an Aſſeſſor*, &c. *p.* 287 (See the Oath at large.)

Aſſeſſor to take the Oaths.

The Rates charged by this Act ſhall be aſcertained, and the Certificates thereof returned to the Commiſſioners, at or before the 13*th* day of *May*, 1695. Upon which the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any three or more, ſhall iſſue out their Warrants to ſuch Collectors, for the ſpeedy Collecting the ſaid Aſſeſſments, as they ſhall become payable. Of all which the ſaid Collectors ſhall make demand of the Parties chargeable therewith, or at the places of their laſt abode, within ten days after the ſaid Duties ſhall become due; and to pay the ſame within twenty days to the Receiver-General,

When the Aſſeſſments to be returned to the Comiſſioners.

Where and when the Rates to be demanded, when to be paid to the Receiver-General.

neral, or his Deputy. And the Receiver-General is hereby impowred, in default of Payment, to levy, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of two or more of the Commiſſioners, upon the Collectors, by Diſtreſs and Sale of their Goods and Chattels, ſuch Summ or Summs of Money as they have received. *P.* 289.

In default of Payment, the Collectors to be Diſtrained.

A true Duplicate of the ſaid Aſſeſſments ſhall be made, ſeal'd and delivered unto the Receiver-General; and the Receivers-General ſhall pay in the Money into the *Exchequer*, by half-yearly Payments, *viz.* *Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*, or ſooner, if required. *p.* 289.

Duplicate of the Aſſeſſments to be delivered to the Receiver-General.

Upon return of any ſuch Certificate, the Commiſſioners, or any three, may examine the Preſenters; and if at the time of the return, or within twenty days after, they know or ſuſpect that any Perſon that ought to pay is omitted, or of higher Degree, or greater Eſtate, than is mentioned in the Certificate, or under-charged, or not duly charged, they ſhall Summon ſuch Perſons before them to be examined; and if any Perſon ſummoned ſhall not appear (having not a reaſonable excuſe for ſuch his Default) ſhall pay double the rate he ought to be charged at. *P.* 290.

Perſons not duly rated, ſummoned before the Commiſſioners.

The Commiſſioners, or any two or more, ſhall have power to examine and enquire into the Degrees, Qualifications, and Eſtates of ſuch Perſons as are charged by this Act; and to ſet ſuch Rates as ſhall be according to the true intent and meaning of this Act. 290.

Commiſſioners to examine the Aſſeſſments, and the Degrees, *&c.*

Receiver-General to be allowed 2*d* in the Pound.

Every

Three Pence in the Pound to the Collector. Commissioners Clerks 1*d.* in the Pound.

Every Collector to have 3*d* in the Pound The Commissioners Clerks respectively, shall, by Warrant, under two or more of the Commissioners Hands, receive from the Receivers-General, or Deputy, 1*d.* in the Pound, of all such Money as he shall have received, by Virtue of such Warrants or Certificates.

Penalty of those who refuse to pay their Rates to the Collectors upon demand.

If any Persons refuse to pay their Rates on Demand made by the Officer or Collector of the Place, it shall be lawful for such Officer or Collector to distress the Persons so refusing, by their Goods and Chattels, and the Distress to keep four days, at the cost of the Owners; and if the Owners do not pay within four days, then the Distress to be Appraised by two or more of the Inhabitants, where the Distress is taken, and there to be sold by the said Officer, and the overplus, if any, above the Charges of taking and keeping the said Distress, to be restored to the Owner.

Distress and Sale of Goods.

Breaking open Houses, *&c.*

It shall be lawful to break open (in the day time, any House, and upon warrant under the Hands and Seals of two or more Commissioners) any Chest, Trunk, Box, *&c.* where any such Goods are, calling the Constable, Headborough, or Tything-man to their Assistance. *p.* 292.

Or refuse to pay by the space of ten days after demand.

If any Person refuse to pay his Rates, or Summ, by the space of ten days after demand, where no sufficient Distress can be found, then two or more of the Commissioners or two Justices of the Peace, by this Act appointed for any such City, County, or Place, may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, commit such Person to the Common-Goal, without

Imprisonment.

out Bail or Mainprise, until payment shall be made.

If any Person find himself aggrieved with the Assessment, and do within ten days after notice of such Assessment given in the Church, complain to the Commissioners who signed the same; they, or any three of them, shall, within ten days, next after such Complaint, examine the Party upon Oath, of his or her Rank, Degree, Qualification, or Estate, and, upon Examination, abate or enlarge the said Assessment, and the same so abated or enlarged shall be Estreated into the Exchequer. *p.* 292, 293.

Appeal, and the time.

The Justices of Peace in their respective Counties, Cities, Boroughs, *&c.* are appointed Commissioners for and during the four last Years.

Justices of the Peace Commissioners for the 4 last Years.

At the end of every Year the Collectors for the preceding Year shall cause a Copy of their Assessments, and of the Collections, made by them, to be fairly written and signed by them, with such Alterations as shall be necessary, by reason of the Death, change of Quality, or Degree, or Removal of any Person, or otherwise; and at the bottom shall write the Names of two or more substantial Inhabitants, fit to be Collectors for the succeeding Year, and they shall deliver the said Assessment, or a true duplicate thereof signed as aforesaid, to two or more Justices of the Peace of the respective Counties, Divisions, *&c.* within the space of ten days after the end of every Year; which the Justices may peruse, and examine the Presenters thereof. And if at the time of the delivery of

Duty of Collectors in delivering a Copy of their Assessments.

Office and Power of the Justices, in examining and allowing the Assessments.

of ſuch Aſſeſſments, or within ten days after, they know or ſuſpect that any Perſons are omitted or undercharged, or not duly charged, the ſaid Juſtices, or any two of them, may Summon ſuch Perſons to appear before them, to be examined, touching the ſame or other Matters; and if ſuch Perſon Summoned, neglect to appear (not having reaſonable excuſe) he ſhall pay double the rate; and the ſaid Juſtices have power to examine and enquire into the ſeveral Degrees, Qualifications, and Eſtates of Perſons chargeable; and thereupon to enlarge, alter, abate, or diminiſh the ſaid Aſſeſſments ſo delivered; and the ſaid Juſtices, or any three or more, ſhall ſet their Hands to the ſaid Aſſeſſments, teſtifying their Allowance; and ſhall nominate two of the Perſons named therein to be Collectors, and deliver ſuch Aſſeſſment to the Collectors for the Year enſuing. *p.* 295, 296.

Collectors for the enſuing Years.

The Collectors ſhall every Year, within the ſpace of ſix days after the Aſſeſſments delivered to them, deliver the ſame, or a true Copy, to the Parſon, Vicar, Curate, or Rector of the Pariſh, *&c.* under Penalty of 5 *l.* and the ſaid Parſons, *&c.* under the Penalty of 5 *l.* for every Offence, on next *Sunday* after Receipt thereof, ſhall publickly read the ſame after Divine Service in the Morning. *p.* 297.

Copy of the Aſſeſſment to be delivered to the Parſon, and when.

During the four laſt Years, upon complaint made by any Perſon Aſſeſſed, within ten days after ſuch notice in the Church, the Juſtices who ſigned the ſaid Rates, or two of them, together with the other Juſtices of the ſaid County, *&c.* are impower'd at the next Quarter-Seſſions

Appeal the four laſt Years.

Seſſions to examine the Complainant upon Oath, of his or her Rank, Degree, Qualification or Eſtate, and upon examination to abate or enlarge the ſaid Aſſemſſents, and the ſame ſhall deliver unto the Collectors for their better direction in the Collection thereof: And a true duplicate thereof ſhall be in convenient time by them made out, and delivered unto the Receivers-General.

Appeals to be final.

All Appeals once heard and determin'd ſhall be final. *p.* 298.

Regiſters to be kept in every Pariſh.

All Perſons in Holy Orders, Deans, Parſons, Deacons, Vicars, Curates, and their Subſtitutes, ſhall, within their reſpective Pariſhes, Precincts, and Places, keep a true Account, and exact Regiſter, in Writing, of all Perſons Married, Buried, Chriſtned, or Born in their reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts, or in ſuch common Burying-places, as their reſpective Pariſhioners are uſually bury'd in; to which Regiſter all Perſons concern'd ſhall have free acceſs; and if any ſuch Parſon or Miniſter refuſe, or neglect to keep a true Regiſter, he ſhall forfeit the Summ of 100*l.* one Moiety to the King, the other Moiety to the Informer; the Proſecutor to have his full Coſts.

Under Penalty of 100*l.*

Parents to give notice of the birth of a Child and how, and when, and to whom.

The Parents of every Child Born, or one of them, ſhall, within five days after ſuch Birth, give notice to the Collectors of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Child was Born, and of the Chriſtian-Name of ſuch Child, and the day of its Birth; and the Collectors ſhall thereupon give a Certificate to ſuch Parent, teſtifying ſuch notice was given: And if any Child ſhall be born dead, one of the Parents ſhall bring a Certificate under the

Hands of two or more Perſons, teſtifying the ſame to the Collectors. And if any Parent ſhall neglect to give ſuch notice as aforeſaid, he ſhall forfeit 40*s.* *p.* 300.

Under Penalty of 40 *s.*

No Letters Patents of Exemption.

No Letters Patents to any Perſons, Cities, Boroughs, *&c.* within this Realm, of any Priviledges or Exemptions from Subſidies, Taxes, Aſſeſſments, or Aids, ſhall be conſtrued to exempt any Perſon, City, Borough, *&c.* from the Charges of this Act.

All *Non-Obſtante's* in Bar of ſupply to the King void.

And all *Non Obſtantes* in ſuch Letters Patents, made or to be made in Bar of any Act or Acts of Parliament, for the ſupply or aſſiſtance of His Majeſty, are hereby declared void, and of none effect. *p.* 301.

Parents, Guardians, Tutors, to be chargeable for Infants.

Parents, Guardians, and Tutors, upon default of Payment, by Infants under 21, ſhall be charged with ſuch Payments; and if they neglect or refuſe to pay, they ſhall be proceeded againſt, as other Perſons making default of Payment, and they making Payments, ſhall be allowed the ſame upon their Accounts.

And to be allowed on Account.

Where every Perſon to be Aſſeſſed.

Every Perſon Aſſeſſed by this Act ſhall be Aſſeſſed at ſuch place where he or ſhe ſhall be reſident at the time of the execution of this Act. And all who are not Houſe-holders, and all Servants, ſhall be Taxed at the place they ſhall be then Reſident. And ſuch as are out of the Realm ſhall be rated in ſuch County, City, or Place where he was laſt abiding within the Realm.

Remedy where a Perſon is doubly Charged.

If any Perſon having ſeveral Manſion-Houſes, or places of Reſidence, or otherwiſe, ſhall be doubly charged; then, on Certificate, by two of the Commiſſioners under Hand and Seal of the Summ charged, and in what capa-

capacity or reſpect he or they were ſo charg'd, and upon Oath made of ſuch Certificate, before any Juſtice of the Peace for the County or Place where the ſaid Certificate ſhall be made, the Perſon ſo charged doubly, ſhall be diſcharged in every other County, City, or Place.

Penalty of one who eſcapes the Tax by fraud.

If any that ought to be Taxed, ſhall, by changing his place of reſidence, or any other Fraud, eſcape the Taxation, and the ſame be proved before Two of the Commiſſioners, or any Juſtice of Peace in the County where ſuch perſon reſideth, within three Months after ſuch Tax made, ſhall be charged at the double value, to be levied on his Goods and Lands.

Houſholder to give account of Lodgers.

Every Houſholder ſhall, upon demand of the Aſſeſſors, or Collectors, give account of the Names, Degrees, Qualifications, and Eſtates of ſuch perſons as ſhall ſojourn or lodge in their Houſes, under the penalty of 5 *l.*

Heir paying the Duty for his Anceſtor, how relieved.

If the Heir of any perſon dying, ſhall pay the duty of Burial of ſuch his Anceſtor, or if the ſaid duties ſhall be levied upon his Lands deſcended to him; then ſuch Heir, his Executors and Adminiſtrators, ſhall recover ſo much from the Executors or Adminiſtrators of ſuch perſon, out of the Aſſets, by Action of Debt.

Penalty of Collectors for not paying the Money received.

If any Collector neglect or refuſe to pay any Money received by him, at ſuch time as is directed by this Act, the Commiſſioners of each County, Riding, City, Town, or any Two or more of them, in their reſpective diviſions, are impower'd to impriſon the perſon, and ſeize the Eſtate real and perſonal of

of the ſaid Collector, or which ſhall deſcend or come into the hands or poſſeſſion of his Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, whereſoever the ſame can be found: And the ſaid Commiſſioners who ſhall ſeize the Eſtate, ſhall appoint general Meetings of the Commiſſioners for ſuch County, *&c.* and there give ſix days notice before ſuch general Meeting, where it ſhall be; and if the Money detained by the Collectors be not paid and ſatisfied, ſhall ſell and diſpoſe all ſuch Eſtate ſeized, or any part thereof, and pay the Summ detained into the hands of the Receiver-General. *p.* 305.

Where Diviſions and Allotments to be aſſeſſed.

All places, Conſtablewicks, Diviſions, and Allotments, which have been uſed to be rated and aſſeſſed, ſhall pay and be aſſeſſed in ſuch County, Hundred, Rape, Wapentak, Conſtablewicks, Diviſion, Place, and Allotment, as the ſame hath uſually heretofore been aſſeſſed in.

Commiſſioners to aſſeſs other Commiſſioners.

The Commiſſioners ſhall rate and aſſeſs every other Commiſſioner joined with them, ſo as the dwelling-place of ſuch Commiſſioner ſo be to aſſeſſed, be within the Diviſion of ſuch Commiſſioners by whom he is aſſeſſed.

Commiſſioners to aſſeſs the Aſſeſſors.

The Commiſſioners within their diviſion ſhall alſo aſſeſs every Aſſeſſor.

Who ſhall not be Aſſeſſors out of their own limits.

No perſon inhabiting in any City, Borough, or Town-Corporate, ſhall be compell'd to be any Aſſeſſor, or Collector, in any place out of the limits of the ſaid City, Borough, or Town-Corporate.

Aſſeſſors in priviledged places.

In privileged places, which are *extra*-parochial, the Commiſſioners ſhall nominate two fit perſons, living in or near the ſaid priviledg'd places, to be Aſſeſſors for the ſaid places, and alſo to appoint Collectors.

No

No ſtay of proſecution upon any Command, Warrant, Motion, or Order, or Direction by *non vult ulterius proſequi*, ſhall be had, made, admitted, or allowed, by any Court, in any Suit, by Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, for the recovery of the Penalties or Forfeitures of this *Act*.

No ſtay of Proſecution for Recovery of the Penalties.

If, after the Aſſeſſments made, any perſon ſhall come to inhabit, or reſide, in any Diviſion, or place, where he was not taxed, the Commiſſioners in ſuch place are to ſummon ſuch perſon before them; and unleſs he or ſhe ſhall produce a Certificate, whereby it ſhall appear he or ſhe was aſſeſſed, and hath paid the duties in ſome other place, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe ſuch perſon to be aſſeſſed, and the Money to be levied and paid according to the *Act*. *p.* 307.

Perſons newly inhabiting places, after the time of Aſſeſſment, to produce Certificates.

If any *Aſſeſſor*, or *Collector*, wilfully neglect or refuſe to perform his duty, in the ſpeedy and due execution of this *Act*, the Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, may impoſe a Fine on the Offender, not exceeding 20 *l.* for one Offence, to be levied and certified as aforeſaid, and to be charged upon the Receiver-General amongſt the reſt of the Rates.

Fine on Aſſeſſors or Collectors, for neglecting their Duty.

The Commiſſioners may, from time to time, require an account of the Receivers-General, of all the Moneys received from the Collectors, and of the payment thereof into the Exchequer. And in caſe of failure of the premiſſes, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe the ſame to be forthwith levied and paid, according to the true meaning of this Act.

Commiſſioners call the Receiver-General to account.

If

Controverſie between Commiſſioners, how decided.

If any Controverſie ariſe between the Commiſſioners concerning the Aſſeſſments, the Commiſſioners that be concerned therein, ſhall have no voice, but ſhall withdraw during the Debate.

Differences about the Aſſeſſments, how determin'd.

All Differences ariſing touching any of the ſaid Rates, Aſſeſſments, or Levies, ſhall be finally determined by Three or more of the Commiſſioners, upon complaint by the Party grieved, without further Suit in Law.

Collectors to give in perſons Names that refuſe to pay.

The Receiver-General ſhall give Acquittance *gratis* to the Collectors: And the Collectors ſhall deliver to the Receivers-General a Perfect Schedule, written in Parchment, under their Hands and Seals, ſigned by any Two or more of the Commiſſioners, containing the Names and Surnames, and Places of abode, of every Perſon, as well Peer as Commoner, that ſhall make default of Payment of their Aſſeſſment, and the Summs charged on them, the ſame to be by them returned into the Exchequer.

Officers to be aiding in the execution of this Act.

All Conſtables, *&c.* and other his Majeſty's Officers, ſhall be reſpectively aiding and aſſiſting in the execution of this Act, and to obey ſuch Precepts, or Warrants, as ſhall be directed to them, by any two or more of the Commiſſioners.

Pleading the General Iſſue, and giving the ſpecial matter in evidence.

Perſons ſued for what they do in purſuance or execution of this Act, ſhall plead Not guilty, and give this Act and the ſpecial Matter in Evidence: And if the Proſecutor be nonſuit, or diſcontinue, or a Verdict paſs againſt him, the Defendant ſhall have treble Coſts.

Coſts.

The Receipt of every Receiver-General, or his Deputy, ſhall be a ſufficient diſcharge unto every Collector.

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The particular Collectors for payment of their Money, ſhall not be obliged to travel above ten Miles from their place of Habitation. *p.* 311.

Collectors not to travel above ten Miles.

If any Receiver-General ſhall return into the Exchequer any Money to be arrear, after the ſame hath been received by him or his Deputy, or ſhall cauſe any Perſon or Perſons to be ſet *inſuper* in the ſaid Court, for any Summ of Mony that hath been ſo received; then every ſuch Receiver ſhall forfeit to the Perſon grieved, treble the damages that ſhall be thereby occaſioned, to be recovered by Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; and ſhall forfeit to his Majeſty double the Summ ſo injuſtly certified.

Penalty on Receiver-Generals for Fine and Returns.

No Commiſſioners ſhall be liable, by reaſon of the execution of this Act, to any of the Penalties mention'd in an Act made in the 25th Year of King *Charles* II. for preventing dangers which may happen by Popiſh Recuſants.

Commiſſioners not liable to the Penalties of the Popiſh Act, 25 *Car.* 2.

All Penalties and Forfeitures to be incurred for any Offences againſt this Act, for which there is no particular way of levying herein before appointed, ſhall be levied by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the reſpective Commiſſioners of the Diviſion, or Place, where any ſuch Offence, was or ſhall be committed, by diſtreſs and ſale of the Goods of the Offender, rendring the over-plus to the Owner thereof, after a deduction of reaſonable Charges.

How Forfeitures to be levied.

If any Collector ſhall neglect or refuſe to deliver a Duplicate, written and ſigned by him, of the Aſſeſſment, together with the

Forfeiture of Collectors for not delivering Duplicates of the Aſſeſſment.

Names of Two or more Inhabitants, to be appointed Collectors for the Year next enſuing, at ſuch time, and in ſuch manner, as is before directed, he ſhall forfeit the Summ of 20 *l.* to his Majeſty.

Who ſhall pay the Duties of the Poor buried, that received relief of the Pariſh.

The Duties payable by this Act, upon the Burial of any Perſon, who in his life-time, and at the time of his death, was relieved by virtue of any Act of Parliament made for relief of the Poor, ſhall be paid and anſwer'd by the Church-wardens and Overſeers of the Poor, for that Pariſh, or Place, where ſuch Perſon was laſt relieved or maintained, out of ſuch Money as they ſhall receive for relief of the Poor of their reſpective Pariſhes or Places, and ſhall be allowed the ſame upon their accounts: And in default of payment, the ſaid Church-wardens and Overſeers ſhall be diſtrained upon, and proſecuted, as any other perſons neglecting or refuſing to pay the Duties payable upon demand, are hereby made liable to be diſtrained upon, or proſecuted. *p.* 313.

What Demand of any Duty of this Act is good.

A demand at the Houſe where the Party died, ſhall be deemed to be a good demand of any Duty payable by this Act on Burials.

Great Pariſhes in Cities, and great Towns that pay for Burial of the Poor, how to be eaſed.

The Church-wardens and Overſeers of every Pariſh, in every City or Corporation, or Liberties, or Suburbs thereof; and of every great Town, who have more Pariſhes than one, ſhall, during the continuance of this Act, upon or before the 10th. day of *May*, in every Year, deliver unto the Mayor or Chief Magiſtrate of every ſuch City, Corporation, or great Town, a Schedule in writing

ting, which ſhall contain the Name of every poor perſon buried in their reſpective Pariſhes within the Year preceding, and for whoſe Burial they paid the duty impoſed by this *Act*: Upon delivery whereof, ſuch Church-wardens, Overſeers, or ſome of them, before the ſaid Mayor, Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate ſhall make Oath of the truth of the ſaid Schedule; and after delivery of ſuch Schedules, the ſaid Mayors, Chief Magiſtrates, or other Head Officers, ſhall reſpectively cauſe all the ſaid Summs, ſo paid by the ſaid reſpective Church-wardens or Overſeers, upon the Burial of every ſuch poor perſon, to be taxed upon the ſeveral Cities, Corporations, and Great Towns in general, with other Charges, for relief of the poor; and within two Months after the ſame ſhall be aſſeſſed, ſhall cauſe payment to be made to the reſpective Church-wardens and Overſeers of the poor for the Year preceeding, of all ſuch Summ and Summs of Money, as they reſpectively paid in their reſpective Pariſhes, for the Burial of poor perſons in the ſame Year. *p.* 314, 315.

The Receivers General ſhall, between the 1ſt.day of *May*, 1696. and the 1ſt.day of *November* following; and ſo yearly at thoſe times, during the continuance of this *Act*, deliver in their reſpective accompts of the duties of this *Act* to his Majeſty's Auditors of the Impreſts for the time being, or one of them; who ſhall examine upon Oath the ſaid Receivers General, or other perſons accountant for the ſaid duties, of what Summ or Summs of Money was by them raiſed and collected, in the with

Receivers, when to deliver their Accounts to the Auditors of the Impreſts, and for what purpoſe.

time of ſuch their Accompts, and what part was paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, by virtue of any Warrant of Privy Seal, or Lord Treaſurer, or Commiſſioner of the Treaſury, or otherwiſe paid, and to whom, and for what Service or Services.

None to be married without Licence or Banns publiſhed. The Parſon to forfeit 100 *l.* and Suſpenſion.

No perſon ſhall be married at any pretended place exempt from the Biſhop's Viſitation, without a Licence, except the Banns be publiſhed. And every Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, who ſhall marry contrary to the true intent of this *Act*, ſhall forfeit 100 *l.* one Moiety to the King, the other to the Informer; and for the ſecond Offence, ſhall be ſuſpended *ab Officio & Beneficio* for three years.

The Batchelors Tax not to extend to Fellows of Colleges.

The Taxes by this *Act* impoſed on Batchelours, ſhall not extend to Fellows of Colleges, Students, or Scholars of Houſes, nor to any Exhibitioners of Colleges, or Halls, in the Two Univerſities.

Maſter and Miſtreſs to pay for Lodgers or Boarders, *&c.*

Where any perſon, under the age of 21 years, ſhall not be reſident at the time of his or her death, with his or her Parents; then in ſuch caſe the Maſter or Miſtreſs of the Family where ſuch perſo nſhall die, ſhall pay the duties upon Burial; and in default of ſuch payment, the ſaid duties ſhall be levied by diſtreſs and ſale of the Goods of ſuch Maſter or Miſtreſs: And ſuch Maſter or Miſtreſs paying ſuch duties, ſhall retain ſo much out of the Eſtate of ſuch perſon ſo dying in his hands; and if the Eſtate is not ſufficient, then they ſhall demand and recover ſo much from the Father (if living) or Guardian or Truſtee of ſuch Perſon by Action of Debt.

And how to be relieved.

The

The perſons liable to pay the duty of 20 *l.* as to Degrees, Title, and Quality (except thoſe charged for real or perſonal Eſtate) ſhall deliver to the Collector a Certificate in writing, under Hand and Seal, engroſſed in Parchment, expreſſing the Name, Surname, Titles, Quality, Office, and Employment (if any) of ſuch deceaſed perſon; with the Age, Time of Death, Place of Burial, Marriages, and Iſſue, together with the Names, Surnames, Titles, and Qualities of the Parents: Which Certificates ſhall be tranſmitted to the Receiver-General, who ſhall deliver them to the King's Heralds and Purſuivants at Arms, which ſhall be digeſted in Books alphabetically.

What Certificates to be delivered to the Heralds.

It ſhall be lawful to advance to the King, on the Credit of this *Act*, any Money not exceeding 650000 *l.* in the whole, and to have Intereſt not exceeding 8 *per Cent.* *P.* 320.

Money to be advanced on this Act, and how much.

It ſhall be lawful for the King, his Heirs and Succeſſors, out of the duties ariſing by this *Act*, to cauſe ſuch Summs of Money to be expended from time to time, for Salaries and other incident Charges, as ſhall be neceſſary in and for the receiving, collecting, or managing the ſame duties.

Salary-Money to be paid by the King, &c.

All Quakers, or reputed Quakers, Papiſts, or reputed Papiſts, and all Jews, or any other perſons, who ſhall cohabit and live together as Man and Wife, ſhall pay the ſeveral duties upon Marriages, according to their Degrees, Titles, Orders, and Qualifications, as they ought to have paid by virtue of this *Act*, if they had been married according to the Laws of the Church of *England*. And the Man that ſhall enter into ſuch pretended Marriage, ſhall, within

Quakers, Papiſts, Jews and pretended Marriages, how to pay and be aſſeſſed.

Notice to the Collector by the Man of ſuch Marriage.

within five days after, give notice of it to the Collector of the place where he lives, upon the forfeiture of 5 *l.* But this ſhall not make any ſuch pretended Marriage effectual in Law. *p.* 325.

An Abſtract of the Act, made in the 6th. and 7th. Year of the Reign of William *III. King of* England, *&c. entituled,* An *Act* for explaining and regulating ſeveral *Doubts, Duties,* and *Penalties* in the late *Act* for granting ſeveral *Duties* upon *Vellum, Parchment,* and *Paper; and for the aſcertaining the Admenſurement of the Tunnage of Ships (ſo far as relates to the Vellum or Parchment-Act.)*

THE ſaid *Act*, or any *Clauſe* therein contained, ſhall not be conſtrued to charge with any duty ſpecified therein, *viz.*

Warrants, Recogniſances.

1. Any Warrant made by, or Recogniſance taken before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace.

Surrenders of Copy-holds and Copies.

2. Any Surrender of any Copyhold Eſtate, or Copies for ſuch Eſtate.

Certificates.

3. Any Certificate of the Marriage of a Seaman's Widow.

Tryals in Court-Marſhal.

4. Any Proceedings of any *Court-Marſhal*, which relate to the Trial of any *common Soldier.*

Commiſſioners of Sewers.

5. Any *Orders, Decrees,* or *Proceedings,* before any *Commiſſioners* of *Sewers,* or in the *Court* of *Stannaries.*

Court of Stannaries.

But ſuch Warrants, Recogniſances, Surrenders, Copies, Certificates, Orders, Decrees, and Proceedings, ſhall be exempted from the

pay-

payment of any duty therein mention'd.

The duty of 40 *s.* laid upon the Regiſter or Entry of any Degree, in any of the ſaid Two Univerſities, ſhall not extend to the Regiſter or Entry of any Batchelour of Arts. Batchelors of Arts in the Univerſities.

The duty of 40 *s.* which is laid upon Letters-Patents, ſhall not extend to *Commiſſions* of *Rebellion* in proceſs. Commiſſions of Rebellion.

The duty of 40 *s.* laid upon *Admittances* of *Officers* in any *Court* whatſoever, ſhall not extend to any annual *Officer* in any *Corporation*, or inferiour *Court*, whoſe *Office* is under the value of 10 *l. per Annum*, in Salaries, Fees, or other Perquiſites. Admittances of Officers in Corporations or Inferiour Courts.

The *Officers* at Sea ſhall pay the ſame duty that the *Officers* of the *Army* at Land pay, and no more. Sea-Officers.

The penalty of 500 *l.* mention'd in the ſaid *Act*, ſhall no longer ſtand and be in force; but is altered into the penalty of 5 *l.* only: And where the Offender was by the ſaid *Act* to forfeit 500 *l.* he ſhall forfeit no more than 5 *l.* to be recovered with coſts of Suit. The 500 pounds Penalty altered to 5 *l.*

That all perſons who have incurred the penalty of 500 *l.* upon any *Clauſe* in the ſaid *Act*, ſhall be indemnified and pardoned, and diſcharged the ſaid Forfeitures, and every part thereof, and of and from any proſecution thereupon. Pardons to thoſe who have forfeited 500 Pounds.

That the Lord *High Treaſurer* of *England*, or *Commiſſioners* of the *Treaſury* for the time being, ſhall, once in the Year at leaſt, ſet the Prices of all ſorts of Stampt Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, that it ſhall be ſold at: And the *Commiſſioners* appointed to put the ſaid *Act* in execution, ſhall ſtamp the ſaid price Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to ſet Prizes of Stamp'd Vellum Parchment, Paper, and how often. Comiſſioners in and by the Act ſhall ſtamp the ſaid Prices.

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